

Fact Sheet

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Labor Market Report Highlights November 2014

Labor Force and Unemployment

- The November 2014 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.3 percent, down from 4.4 percent in October and down from 5 percent one year ago.
- The November 2014 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4 percent, up from 3.7 percent in October, and down from 4.5 percent one year ago.
- There were 12,003 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November 2014, up from 11,175 in October and down from 12,914 last year. There were 68,018 continued claims in November, up from 66,959 the previous month and down from 89,654 in November 2013. These numbers include all available programs.
- With the over the month increase of 3,058 individuals, the number of employed persons set a record high for the second consecutive month at 1,432,010. Over the year, an additional 28,301 people gained employment.
- The number of unemployed decreased by 2,669 persons in November.

Jobs Data

Seasonally Adjusted

- The state added 7,200 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 0.6 percent gain. Kansas gained 7,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since November 2013, a 0.5 percent increase.
- Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs declined by 4,400 since last month, a 0.4 percent decrease. Since October, the state lost 4,100 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, a 0.3 percent decline.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 7,400 private sector jobs since November 2013, a 0.7 percent increase. The state gained 7,600 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.5 percent increase.
- Private sector jobs decreased by 1,400 since October, a 0.1 percent decline. Over the month, Kansas declined by 400 nonfarm jobs, showing no significant percentage change.

Industry Breakdown

- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Education and health services increased by 3,500 jobs, a 1.8 percent gain. Growth was primarily in health care and social assistance.
 - Other services added 3,000 jobs, a 5.7 percent gain.
 - Professional and business services gained 3,000 jobs, a 1.8 percent increase, with gains mostly in administrative and support, waste management, and remediation services.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the year job losses. These were in:
 - Manufacturing declined by 3,400 jobs, or 2.1 percent. All of the loss was in durable goods manufacturing.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities decreased by 2,900 jobs, or 1.1 percent, with losses in wholesale and retail trade.
 - Financial activities declined by 900 jobs, or 1.2 percent. The losses were in finance and insurance.
- Five of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month job gains. The largest gains were greatest in:
 - Trade, transportation and utilities increased by 2,100 jobs, or 0.8 percent. The gains were in retail trade and transportation, warehousing and utilities.
 - Government added 1,000 jobs, a 0.4 percent increase, with gains at the local level.
 - Other services added 300 jobs, a 0.5 percent gain.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported a loss over the month. The losses were greatest in:
 - Leisure and hospitality declined by 1,500 jobs, or 1.2 percent, with losses throughout the sector.
 - Education and health services decreased by 900 jobs, or 0.5 percent. Losses were in health care and social assistance.
 - Manufacturing declined by 800 jobs, or 0.5 percent, with losses throughout the sector.

Private Sector Earnings

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Private sector average weekly earnings increased by \$51.22, or 6.9 percent, since last year, to a total of \$791.51.
- Manufacturing increased the most in earnings since last year. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased by \$124.79 since November 2013, to a total of \$1,076.49.
- Financial activities also had a notable increase over the year. Average weekly earnings increased by \$110.12 since last year to \$1,061.31.

The December 2014 Labor Report will be released on Friday, Jan. 23.

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